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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, November 1 at 9:30 a.m., on S. 1530, the Railroad Advancement and Infrastructure Law of the 21st Century.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee be authorized to meet on Thursday, November 1, at 2:30, to consider the nominations of R. David Paulison to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency and Arden Bement, Jr., to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Thursday, November 1, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on how S. 556 would affect the environment, the economy, energy supply, achievement of regulatory and statutory goals including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, relevant costs and benefits, and any improvements or amendments that should be made to the legislation. The hearing will be held in the rm. SD-406.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Thursday, November 1, 2001, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing on infrastructure security, chemical site security, and economic recovery. The hearing will be held in the rm. SD-406.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 1, 2001, immediately following the first vote on the Senate Floor, to consider favorably reporting the following nomination: JoAnne Barnhart to be Commissioner of the Social Security Administration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 1, 2001, at 11 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, November 1, 2001, at 10 a.m., in SD226.

Agenda

I. Nominations: Edith Brown Clement to be U.S. Circuit Court Judge for the 5th Circuit; M. Christina Armijo to be U.S. District Court Judge for the District of New Mexico; Karon O. Bowdre to be U.S. District Court Judge for the Northern District of Alabama; Stephen P. Friot to be U.S. District Court Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma; Larry R. Hicks to be U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Nevada; Terry L. Wooten to be U.S. District Court Judge for the District of South Carolina; Juan Carlos Benitez to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices; Sharee Freeman to be Director of the Community Relations Service; and John P. Walters to be Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

To Be United States Attorney: Leura Garrett Canary, Middle District of Alabama; Paul K. Charlton, District of Arizona; Jeffrey G. Collins, Eastern District of Michigan; William S. Duffey, Jr., Northern District of Georgia; Dunn Lampton, Southern District of Mississippi; Alice Howze Martin, Northern District of Alabama; William Walter Mercer, District of Montana; Thomas E. Moss, District of Idaho; J. Strom Thurmond, Jr., District of South Carolina; Maxwell Wood, Middle District of Georgia; and Drew H. Wrigley, District of North Dakota.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters on Thursday, November 1, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., in room S-407 in the Capitol.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 1, 2001, to conduct an oversight hearing on "Protecting

Retirement Savings: Federal Deposit Insurance Coverage for Retirement Accounts."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DORGAN. I ask unanimous consent Matt King, a legislative detailee from the Customs Service, be permitted floor privileges during consideration of H.R. 2590.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002—CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I submit a report of the committee of conference on the bill (H.R. 2647), and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2647), making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, having met, after full and fair conference, have agreed that the House recede from its disagreement to certain amendments of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, and the Senate agree to the same, signed by all of the conferees on the part of both Houses.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will proceed to the consideration of the conference report.

(The report was printed in the House proceedings of the RECORD of October 30, 2001.)

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, as chairman of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee, I bring to the attention of the Senate the highlights of the conference report on the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2002, H.R. 2647.

The conference report totals \$2.97 billion, and parallels closely the bill which passed the Senate in July with very broad support. Total funding is \$10 million below the amount requested by the Legislative Branch.

Funding included in this bill includes \$607 million for the Senate, and \$878 million for the House of Representatives.

Funding for the rest of the legislative branch totals \$1.49 billion. These agencies perform critical functions enabling Congress to operate effectively and safely—particularly the Capitol Police.

For the Library of Congress and the Congressional Research Service, the bill includes \$452 million. The decrease of \$60 million below the enacted level is attributable to last year's one-time appropriation for the digital preservation project.

The recommendation for the Library will enable the Congressional Research Service to hire staff in some critical areas, particularly technology policy.

Also in the Library's budget is additional funding to reduce the Law Library arrearage, funding for the newly-authorized Veterans Oral History Project, and funds to support the preservation of and access to the American Folklife Center's collection.

For the General Accounting Office, a total of \$422 million is included. This level will enable GAO to hire staff in some critical areas.

A total of \$126 million is included for the U.S. Capitol Police, who have been performing heroically these past several weeks and to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude. The amount provided represents an increase of \$3.9 million over the budget request, which will provide for 79 additional officers, the highest number the Capitol Police believe they can recruit and train next year. It will also provide comparability for the Capitol Police in the pay scales of the Park Police and the Secret Service—Uniformed Division so the Capitol Police are able to retain their officers.

For the Architect of the Capitol, funding would total \$320 million. This includes \$70 million for the Capitol Visitor Center expansion space which is absolutely critical for heightened security needs. It also includes sufficient funding to hire necessary worker safety-related and security-related positions.

For the Government Printing Office, a total of \$110 million is included, of which \$81 million is for Congressional printing and binding. The amount recommended will provide for normal pay and inflation-related increases.

The conference report includes a provision that I feel very strongly about—a Senate employee transit subsidy increase to \$65 per month. This increase puts the Senate on par with the House and the Executive Branch. I can think of no better way to encourage the use of mass transit than through raising this benefit. Fewer cars on the Senate side of the Capitol means less traffic congestion, a cleaner environment, and a more secure campus.

I thank the full committee chairman, Senator BYRD, for his support and the high priority he has placed on this bill. In addition, I wish to thank the ranking member of the full committee, Senator STEVENS, who has been actively involved in and very supportive of this bill.

Finally, I am grateful to the subcommittee ranking member, Senator BENNETT, for his critical role in bringing this conference report together. I have enjoyed working with him and am

thankful for his leadership on these matters.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise to offer for the record the Budget Committee's official scoring for the conference report to H.R. 2647, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

The conference report provides \$2.974 billion in discretionary budget authority, which will result in new outlays in 2002 of \$2.509 billion. When outlays from prior-year budget authority are taken into account, discretionary outlays for the Senate bill total \$2.941 billion in 2002. The conference report is at the appropriations subcommittee's Section 302(b) allocation for budget authority and outlays. The conference report does not include any emergency designations.

I commend Senators BYRD and STEVENS, as well as Senators DURBIN and BENNETT, for their bipartisan effort in moving the conference report to the Legislative Branch bill so quickly. It is important that the Senate act as expeditiously in completing the remaining appropriations bills.

I ask for unanimous consent that a table displaying the Budget Committee scoring of this bill be inserted in the record at this point.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

H.R. 2647, CONFERENCE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE
BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

[Spending comparisons—Conference Report (in million of dollars)]

	General purpose	Manda- tory	Total
Conference report:			
Budget Authority	2,974	99	3,073
Outlays	2,941	99	3,040
Senate 302(b) allocation*:			
Budget Authority	2,974	99	3,073
Outlays	2,941	99	3,040
President's request:			
Budget Authority	2,987	99	3,086
Outlays	2,964	99	3,063
House-passed**:			
Budget Authority	2,240	99	2,339
Outlays	2,369	99	2,468
Senate-passed**:			
Budget Authority	1,944	99	2,043
Outlays	2,063	99	2,162
CONFERENCE REPORT COMPARED TO:			
Senate 302(b) allocation*:			
Budget Authority			
Outlays			
President's request:			
Budget Authority	(13)		(13)
Outlays	(23)		(23)
House-passed**:			
Budget Authority	734		734
Outlays	572		572
Senate—passed**:			
Budget Authority	1,030		1,030
Outlays	878		878

*For enforcement purposes, the budget committee compares the conference report to the Senate 302(b) allocation.

**The House- and Senate-passed bills did not include items exclusive to the other chamber.

Notes: Details may not add to totals due to rounding. Totals adjusted for consistency with scorekeeping conventions.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the conference report be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The conference report was agreed to.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 2, 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until the hour of 10 a.m., Friday, November 2; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period for morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:09 p.m., recessed until Thursday, November 2, 2001, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate November 1, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

KENNETH P. MOOREFIELD, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE GABONESE REPUBLIC.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FREDERICK R. HEEBE, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE EDDIE J. JORDAN, JR., RESIGNED.

DAVID PRESTON YORK, OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE J. DON FOSTER, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOHN D. ONG, OF OHIO, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO NORWAY.

RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.